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RE: AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AMATEUR Boxing—
RAISED BILL 5881

It is with enthusiasm that on behalf of ESPN, I offer support for Raised Bill 5881, which would afford the State's financial support for amateur boxing associations based or to be established in Connecticut. Such an association, such as USA Boxing, would create the foundation for providing social and community programs, particularly for youth, amateur boxing leagues, and events involving the Olympic boxing team. If realized, these efforts will enhance the athletic and educational experiences of thousands of youths throughout the State, providing opportunity and alternatives to build self-esteem and discipline in safe and prosperous environment.

We wish you the best in accomplishing this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

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